

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Henry Craig presiding.

Members: Henry Craig
Tommy French
Emily C. Davis
Sammy Hall
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Henry Craig called the February 4, 2020 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting, the January 23, 2020 Planning Session, the January 28, 2020 Called Meeting and the January 31, Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to allow a presentation on Fall Line Regional Development Authority activities by FLRDA Chair Cheryl Crumbley. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report on Fall Line Regional Development Authority (FLRDA)

FLRDA Chair Cheryl Crumbley presented an update on Authority activities. She presented a list of current Authority Board Officers and encouraged Commissioners to attend monthly meetings of the Authority and the Annual Meet & Greet. She stated the FLRDA would like to make quarterly reports to the County Commissioners to keep them abreast of FLRDA happenings. Ms. Crumbley reported the State of Georgia retained the timber rights to the property, and timber is now being cut on the property.

Presentation by Boys & Girls Club

CEO Pamela Peek and members of the Club addressed the Board to express their appreciation for support provided by the County to the Boys & Girls Club. Commissioners were presented with a token of appreciation made by members.

GCSU License Agreement for Short Term Use of Campus Facilities

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a three year License Agreement with Georgia College and State University for the use of the Centennial Center Pool, including Lifeguards and use of pool locker rooms/bathrooms. Mr. Tobar stated the amount is \$24,000 per year for three consecutive years. The pool will be open to the general public Tuesday – Sunday from June 1, 2020 through the first day of school and on weekends until Labor Day, 2022. An entrance fee will be charged and will be determined at a later date. A County employee will be at the site to collect fees.

Ms. Diane Lucette addressed the Board regarding the need for a pool for the community and expressed her disappointment that this project has been delayed so long. Mr. Crawford Finley also addressed the Board expressing his appreciation for their work on the project and urged Commissioners to continue to move forward with a facility for the community.

Chair Henry Craig stated the County has been working to make a facility available for the citizens, especially children, of the community to learn to swim. He reported the Agreement with GCSU will afford this opportunity without waiting for a pool that the County does not currently have the resources to build. Chair Craig continued to explain that the County has a plan for a facility, and the plan will be made available to the public in the near future. He stated the County intends to have a splash pad near Walter B. Williams Recreation Center as part of the incorporated idea for the aquatic center beginning one piece at a time as money becomes available. A smaller splash pad may also be built in the Harrisburg community and other areas of the County in the future.

Commissioners continued to discuss the fact that the County facility will be built in phases as funding becomes available. The facility must be constructed as such beginning with necessary buildings to house electrical, filtration, and other operational components.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to approve the GCSU License Agreement for Short Term Use of Campus Facilities as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis stated she agreed to approval of the Agreement under the condition that other commissioners kept their word to the community. She also stated she disagreed with the fact that GCSU was charging \$24,000 for the County to use the pool.

A copy of the Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Little Fishing Creek Golf Course Fees

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a schedule of daily fees for Little Fishing Creek Golf Course. He stated the fees are being increased by \$1.00 are very much in line with surrounding public courses.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Little Fishing Creek Golf Course fees as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Fee Schedule is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Georgia Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and MOU and Firefighter Property Program Cooperative Equipment Agreement

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented the two agreements that are currently in place with the Georgia Forestry Commission and must be updated to reflect current personnel and equipment information. The agreements outline the responsibilities of each party.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to approve the Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and MOU and also to approve the Firefighter Property Program

Cooperative Equipment Agreement as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Agreements are herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Baldwin County and City of Milledgeville Automatic Aid Agreement

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented information on the Automatic Aid Agreement. He reported the purpose of the agreement is to establish automatic response guidelines determined by Baldwin County Fire Rescue and Milledgeville Fire Rescue. The Agreement provides for simultaneous dispatch of both agencies resulting in the delivery of a greater initial response force.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement as presented and to authorize Chief Young to execute the documents. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

District 2 Appointment to the Board of Assessors

Vice Chair Tommy French stated term of Mr. Ronald Stevenson, District 2 representative on the Board of Assessors will expire this month. He stated Mr. Stevenson has been a great asset to the Board of Assessors, and he would like to reappoint Mr. Stevenson to serve another term.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to ratify the appointment of Mr. Ronald Stevenson to serve as the District 2 representative on the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SAMHSA Grant Application

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented information on the Ocmulgee ATCC Expansion Grant to expand the substance abuse treatment capacity in Adult Treatment and Family Treatment Drug Courts. The full amount of the grant is \$2,000,000 for a two year period beginning July 30, 2020 through July 29, 2025. She stated there is no required match.

Superior Court Judges Burlison and Trammell presented information about the number of participants that have successfully completed the program and the need to expand in order to serve more people.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to approve submission of the SAMHSA Grant application. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Voting machines will be delivered this Friday, and Elections Superintendent and Chief Registrar will be contacting churches and various community groups to come in to learn about the new voting procedures. Commissioner Westmoreland stated a demonstration has been scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported the following: January Newsletter is now out; advertisement has been published for the new Airport consultant; over 3,400 water meters have been installed and training of staff is being held; met with MGRC Executive Director Mathis to discuss regional public transportation; review of transit operations will begin in the next couple of weeks; progress report on Administration Building; law enforcement upgrades are in progress and surveying for sewer lateral for Health Department was done today.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments on non-agenda items to come before the Board.

Executive Session

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk